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Kuwait voices hope

## Syria hails Saddam

## Belgium attacks U.S. M.E. policy

BAGHDAD, July 17 (Agencies) — President Saddam Hussein of Iraq met Tuesday with Syrian Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam who arrived from Damascus earlier in the day with a message from Syrian President Hafez Assad.

The official Iraqi News Agency said Assad congratulated Saddam in the message for his succession of Ahmed Hassan Bakr as president of Iraq.

Bakr resigned Monday from his post for health reasons. Saddam replaced him automatically in accordance with the provisions of the interim constitution.

Saddam's first act in the foreign sphere was to dispatch an envoy to Damascus to reassure the Syrian leaders that changes in Baghdad will not affect Iraqi-Syrian relations.

The agency quoted Khaddam as saying Assad's congratulatory message to Saddam Hussein reaffirmed that "Syria and Iraq are determined to use all their capabilities to strengthen the march toward unity between the two sister countries."

In Kuwait ruler Sheikh Jaber al-Ahmed al-Sabah also congratulated Saddam Hussein.

In a cable to Saddam, the ruler expressed hope that relations between Kuwait and Iraq will witness more progress during his rule, an official statement said.

The Kuwaiti press hailed President Bakr's resignation as a "courageous act which started a new trend in the politics of the Arab Middle East."

Hussein is known to favor coexistence with Arab conservative regimes despite differences in type of government," these sources added.

In Cairo a foreign ministry official said Eritrean guerrillas claimed major victory.

KHARTOUM, July 17 (R) — An Eritrean guerrilla organization said Tuesday its forces repulsed an attack by Ethiopian troops and inflicted between 3,000 and 4,000 casualties last weekend.

The Ethiopian force driving on the guerrilla-held town of Nakfa in Eritrea was badly battered, a spokesman for the Eritrean People's Liberation Front said in Khartoum.

BRUSSELS, July 17 (R) — Belgian Foreign Minister Henri Simonet has come out strongly against any U.S. plan to intervene militarily in the Middle East to protect its supplies.

"The new President Saddam Hussein has virtually ruled Iraq for a long period," the official said.

In Tel Aviv, Israel's daily "Maariv" said Tuesday the switch in Iraq's leadership would not lead to any major changes in Baghdad's foreign policy.

"Under the leadership of its new president, Saddam Hussein, who is younger and far more ambitious than his predecessor, Iraq could now seek a greater involvement in regional issues," "Maariv" said.

The 31-member Iraqi cabinet named following Bakr's resignation is as follows:

First deputy premier, Taha Yassin Ramadan; deputy premier, Naim Haddad; deputy premier, Tariq Azziz; deputy premier and minister of transport and communication, Saadoun Ghaidan; deputy premier, Adnan Hussein; deputy premier and defense minister, Gen. Adnan Khairallah; foreign affairs, Dr. Saadoun Hammadi; education, Muhammed Majhoub; justice, Dr. Muir Ibrahim; finance, Dr. Tamer Razouki; housing and reconstruction, Muhammed Fadel; planning, Dr. Taha Ibrahim al-Abdullah; health, Dr. Riad Ibrahim Hussein; industry and minerals, Taher Tewfik; higher education and scientific research, Dr. Issam Abed Al-Aziz; oil, Tayeb Abdul-Karim; commerce, Hassan Al-Aziz; youth affairs, Abeul-Karim Mahmoud; agriculture and agrarian reform, Amer Mahdi; minister of state for foreign affairs, Hamed Alaa; culture and information, Latif Yassif Jasseen; irrigation, Abdulla Wahab Mahmoud Abdulah; labor and social affairs, Babakr Mahmoud Rassouli; religious endowments, Dr. Ahmed Al-Sattar; minister of state for coordination between the central government and the Kurdish Autonomous Organization, Khaled Abd Osman; minister of state, Hashem Hassan; minister of state, Abdulla Ismail Ahmed; minister of state, Aziz Rashid; minister of state, Obeidullah Mustafa; local government, Abdulla Fattah Muhammad Amin; and interior, Saadoun Shaker.

Lebanese town raided; one killed

SIDON, Lebanon, July 17 (R) — Three Israeli gunboats shelled the Adloun coastal area of southern Lebanon Tuesday, killing at least one person and wounding three others, local residents said.

They said the boats fired nine shells at the area, situated midway between Sidon and Tyre.

In Beirut, the Palestine News Agency Wafa said the shelling began at 6:30 p.m. (14GMT) and covered the nearby Ansarieh area, but it did not mention casualties.

Sultan tells officers

Forces to protect Islam

TAIF, July 17 (SPA) — Defense Minister Prince Sultan said Tuesday that the Kingdom intends to keep building up its armed forces to use in defense of Islam and Muslim people.

Speaking at a ceremony marking the graduation of a new class of officers and enlisted men at the Military Maintenance School, he said he was proud of the Kingdom's cooperation with Arab, Islamic and non-Islamic states in its efforts to serve Islam and humanity in general.

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from an official visit to Iraq, was asked about his views on the security of the Gulf after disclosure of a U.S. plan to form a special strike force for action in a war in the Middle East or the Third World.

He said in an interview with the Belgian Radio Monday night that such an intervention might be justified only if a foreign power was threatening the territorial integrity of some oil-producing countries.

Simonet said: "Any decision leading to a threat of military intervention in one part of the world is obviously dangerous, when that threat comes from a power that does not always give an impression of great coherence and resolution."

"Military intervention would certainly not solve the problem of countering a trend among some oil producers to reduce output, which the creation of a special force is supposed to answer. It is a problem that cannot be solved by military intervention," he added.

"It would make sense only if there was a distinct threat from outside the area to the territorial integrity of oil producers. If, for example, a great power tried to gain control of some oil-producing countries.

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Bourges said his visit to the school symbolized the close relations between France and Saudi Arabia and said his country is anxious to keep relations with the Kingdom good.

Commandant Col. Saleh, from Muhammad Al Handabi said next year the school would graduate 1,200 officers and men. This year it graduated 240, of whom five came from other Arab states.

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ROYAL WELCOME: King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd were on hand Tuesday to greet Jordan's King Hussein when he landed at Taif airport at the beginning of a visit to the Kingdom.

## Mass rally raps Carter, Sadat, Begin

TEHRAN, July 17 (R) —

Nearly 500,000 Iranians demonstrated in Tehran Tuesday in a mass show on support for the country's unofficial head of state, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

Apart from slogans supporting Ayatollah Khomeini, the crowds chanted denunciations of President Carter, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Premier Menachem Begin.

Dealt to the three corrupt — Carter, Sadat and Begin, they shouted.

But violence continued in Iran's provinces. Bombs exploded in the Kurdish town of Baneh killing at least eight persons according to official sources in the northwest.

Clashes were also reported in the southeastern town of Iran-shahr and Meshkinshahr in the north.

The Tehran rally ended in pandemonium. Excited crowds, pressing forward to hear their speakers, knocked down a podium in front of the former parliament building.

The Iranian government meanwhile issued a statement saying that Defense Minister Taqi Riahi had not resigned.

Government spokesman Sadeq Tabatabai said Brig. Gen. Riahi had been resting for the past few days because of fatigue, while carrying on his official duties from home.

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## Afghan rebels cut highway

PESHAWAR, Pakistan, July 17 (R) — Afghan rebels said Tuesday their forces had cut an important highway leading to Kabul, and surrounded a provincial center 100 kms (60 miles) south of the capital.

The center Gardez, was surrounded after a two-day battle last Thursday and Friday between insurgents and troops of Afghanistan's left-wing government, the rebels said in a statement reaching this town on Pakistan's northwest frontier.

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*And petrochemical projects***Japanese minister discussed oil supplies**

By Timothy Sisley

And James Buchan

JEDDAH, July 17 - Japanese Minister of International Trade and Industry Masumi Esaki left Jeddah Tuesday evening after talks with Saudi officials on Japanese participation in Saudi industrial plans that involves guaranteed supplies of crude oil.

Japan is wholly dependent on imported oil and took 30 per cent, or 1.5 million barrels a day, of its import total of 4.5 million bpd from the Kingdom last year.

Reports in Japan before the visit suggested that Esaki might be seeking a government-to-government contract for 250,000 bpd (94 million barrels a year) to help lessen the danger of any large-scale disruption of Japanese supplies.

One of the seven major industrial economies that agreed to set import quotas for oil at last month's Tokyo summit, Japan will be raising its imports between now and 1985 - by a minimum of 1.8

million bpd.

But Esaki met no Saudi oil officials during his three-day visit and Japanese officials insist that MITI was not seeking to take over the role of the Japanese private sector in importing crude.

Instead, Esaki held talks this week with Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer in which the subject of Japanese private sector investment in Saudi plans for heavy industries - and the associated oil entitlements as incentives - was raised.

Esaki told "Arab News" he informed Sheikh Hisham that MITI would "appreciate a stable supply of crude" in return for expediting the projects at Sheikh Hisham's request.

The government hopes to get agreement on at least two of the 10 planned refinery and petrochemical joint ventures this year.

The Japanese projects in question are a petrochemicals plant at Jubail under study by Mitsubishi

and 53 other Japanese firms and a methanol plant, also at Jubail, on which an agreement with Mitsubishi and C. Itoh of Japan is expected this November. Both are to be joint ventures with the Saudi Basic Industries Organization (SABIC).

On the petrochemicals plant, MITI stepped in last year to persuade Mitsubishi to continue negotiations with SABIC after a gloomy feasibility study in 1976. The ministry also offered to pick up half of the Japanese side's equity obligation last year.

Esaki said to "Arab News" that he was told that Saudi Arabia commented generally on the Tokyo summit's results, expresses its pleasure at the medium and long term commitment but saying

that they expected "more rigorous measures," to conserve fuel.

Esaki had thanked King Khalid and Sheikh Hisham for "the moderate policies Saudi Arabia has been pursuing with due regard to the world economy."

His "very candid exchange of views" with Sheikh Hisham "has been greatly conducive to the further promotion of friendly relations". The two ministers "deepened our mutual understanding that we proceed with our dialogue on a basis of give-and-take."

They had discussed further areas for Japanese involvement in the Kingdom, and Esaki proposed joint research into desalination.

Full interview in "Saudi Business" Thursday.

**Next Plan to emphasize people, Nazer reiterates**

JEDDAH, July 17 - Minister of Planning Sheikh Hisham Nazer has confirmed that the major thrust of the Third Five-Year Plan, which comes into effect next year, is towards the development of human resources.

Speaking to "Al-Bilad," Sheikh Hisham said that the plan concentrates on the individual, whoever he may be, to train and qualify him to enable him to achieve a decent standard of living. In the villages, the most important projects will be education.

"Middle East Economic Digest" has reported that the finished version of the next Plan will be presented to King Khalid for his approval in November.

Sheikh Hisham promised a more astringent attitude to major projects. He said that some schemes are designed to be larger

than circumstances warrant, and the authorities have been instructed to scale down designs to more practical sizes to avoid waste. The government is "studying how to apply this process."

"We might need," he said, "70 or 80 years for economic progress, but every five years takes us a step that goal. The past five year plan concentrated on the basic materials, like the Jeddah sites project, but we don't expect to achieve our general goals in five years."

"The Jubail and Yanbu industrial complexes might take another 30 years, and what has been achieved so far is only a part of the whole design."

He said that so many contracts in the Kingdom had been won by Far Eastern firms because they are cheap.

**Pilgrim team visits Pakistan**

JEDDAH, July 17 - A delegation led by Sheikh Abdul Wahab Ahmed Abdul Wasie, minister of Pilgrimage and Endowments, left Tuesday morning for Islamabad on a five-day visit to Pakistan.

During the visit, the delegation will hold meetings with Pakistan's religious affairs minister and other officials to discuss arrangements for Pakistani pilgrims, visit Lahore and Karachi and meet the governors of the Punjab and Sind Provinces.

The delegation includes Hosam Khashoggi, acting deputy minister for Minister's Office affairs; Said Omar Hussein Jaffi, director general of general administration Mujeem Khan, here Monday Abdul Aziz Faisal Al-Mubarik, morning to discuss the matters director-general of endowments relating the visit.



Sheikh Abdul Wahab Abdul Wasie

Jeddah; Yusuf Shabu, acting director-general of Pilgrimage in Jeddah.

The delegation is scheduled to return to Jeddah on July 21.

Sheikh Abdul Wahab met Pakistan's ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Major-General Fazal

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**Development planned****Work starts this year on new city of Jizan**

JEDDAH, July 17 - A site for new city of Jizan has been chosen, and this year work will begin to develop it, laying sewage, water and electricity lines and asphalt roads.

Speaking to "Al-Medina" Tuesday, Jizan Governor Prince Muhammad ibn Turki Al-Sudairi said that the Council of Ministers is studying the projected site.

He also said all planning has been completed for the inland towns of Abu Arish and Subia and work in their development will also start this year.

Interior Minister Prince Naif, he said, had ordered village complexes to be built in the areas along the border with North Yemen, and other villages will for the first time have electricity supplied to them this year.

This year's budget, he said, had allotted a good deal money to development in Jizan, and several plans were being made to improve the quality of services to villages in the governorate.

Work on the second phase of



Prince Muhammad ibn Turki Al-Sudairi

the Jizan port project will begin this year. Electric power will be increased and a number of complexes will be built to house government departments.

In the government's efforts to assist farmer and expand the agricultural area, he said, several projects to provide better services and concentrate on improving and increasing the agricultural products of the area are planned.

**Fahd gives to Indiana mosque**

RIYADH, July 17 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd has given \$29,688.80 towards the cost of buying an Islamic center and mosque in Indiana. The rector of Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University had appealed for donations for the project, and the Crown Prince responded with a check.

**Haff Al-Baten to get power**

HAFR AL-BATEN, July 17 (SPA) — The Saudi Consolidated Electricity Company is building a 60 million watt power plant here. Its first two generating units will be completed by next summer, a further two eight months later.

**Solaim in Damascus**

DAMASCUS, July 17 (SPA) — Commerce Minister Dr. Solaiman A. Solaim arrived here Tuesday. He was received by the Syrian Minister of Economy and Foreign Trade Dr. Muhammad Al-Imadi

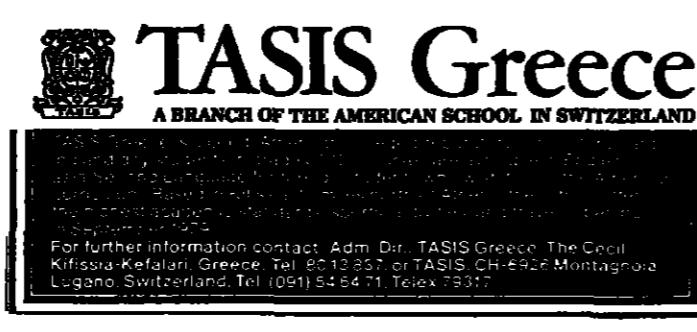
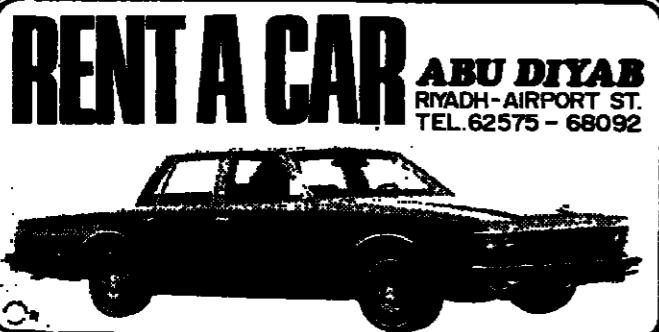
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As Soviets exercise Mediterranean fleet**U.S. admiral warns of Russian designs on oil**

GAETA, Italy, July 17 (AP) — U.S. Adm. Harold Shear, commander of NATO's southern European forces, said the expanding Soviet influence in Africa and the Middle East "seriously" threatens the West's oil and other supply lines.

"Should Soviet successes continue, the future conflict we all are striving to deter may well be won without a shot being fired as NATO and its lifeline oil and resources are effectively separated by Soviet strategies," he said.

The admiral made his remarks Monday at an outdoor change-of-command ceremony aboard the flagship of the U.S. 6th Fleet, guided missile cruiser USS Albany.

Vice Adm. William Small took over command of the powerful Mediterranean fleet from Adm. James Watkins, who has been named deputy chief of Naval Operations in Washington.

As Shear spoke to a crowd of several hundred in this peaceful little town on Italy's southwest coast, the Soviet Mediterranean fleet continued its largest exercise in recent years.

The Soviet maneuvers apparently are designed to practice anti-aircraft carrier and anti-submarine warfare, a U.S. naval official said. "The Soviets have deployed a more sophisticated fleet than in previous years," he said, adding that some 60 ships including the helicopter carrier

Leningrad are taking part in the exercise in the central and eastern Mediterranean.

The Soviets normally keep 40-45 warships in the Mediterranean, while the 6th Fleet deploys about 35 vessels around the year.

Shear said the "fullest impact of Soviet adventure, influence and encroachment appear readily apparent" throughout Africa and the Middle East. Citing turbulence in Iran and "disruption" in Afghanistan and Pakistan, the admiral said the situation is deteriorating rapidly on the

periphery of the Mediterranean basin.

To improve the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's strategic position and its military readiness, Shear called for "a new Marshall Plan" to help modernize Turkish armed forces and revitalize Turkey's economy.

"Strong Turkey is indispensable for the Atlantic alliance. I'd say helping Turkey is the absolute, no. 1 priority for the NATO today," Shear said in an interview later.

Other officials also said Turkish

cooperation is essential in keeping the oil lanes open in the Mediterranean.

They pointed out that there are 5 million barrels of oil in the Mediterranean at any given time on 300-plus ships.

The United States is engaged in delicate talks with Turkey over military and economic assistance and the question of American U-2 flights over that country to monitor Soviet compliance with SALT.

The Americans are seeking the overflights to help U.S. intelligence

make up for the loss of two Iranian stations which monitored Soviet missile tests.

The Turkish government of Premier Bulent Ecevit has said the United States must elicit Soviet acquiescence for the flights before he considers allowing the reconnaissance planes to use Turkish airspace.

Turkey has submitted a program to the United States to modernize its armed forces, including the procurement of military hardware over a period of five years.

**Offers to lift her death sentence****Ayatollah invites Farah to 'execute' Shah**

MEXICO CITY, July 17 (R) — Iran's Ayatollah Sadeq Khalkhali was Monday quoted as inviting the Shah's wife to kill her husband to escape her own death sentence.

In an interview with the Mexican Magazine "Proceso", the Ayatollah, head of Tehran's revolutionary court, said that if the Empress Farah killed the Shah and returned the millions of dollars he is alleged to have taken, "We would reconsider her punishment because she is also on the killer's death list."

He told a Mexican reporter in Qom, that "We know in Western culture it's unbelievable for a woman to kill her husband, but within the Islamic religion it is not surprising."

The Ayatollah announced in May that Iran considered the Shah and his immediate family to be under sentence of death.

He said anyone who killed the Shah would be immune from arrest anywhere in the world and would receive a \$140,000 reward.

He said a three-man squad had been sent to Mexico to kill the Shah and later added that the international guerrilla known as "Carlos" had been approached to help coordinate the attack.

The Ayatollah called on the Mexican people to stage demonstrations to get him expelled from Mexico "because he is a wolf who devours human beings and that is how he lives here (in Iran), devouring people".

"Tell the Shah that his pistol is empty, but mine is loaded."

**Nixon Campaign**

BERN, July 17 (AP) — Iran's ambassador to Switzerland said Monday the Shah helped finance the 1972 re-election campaign of then President Richard Nixon.

Ambassador Gholam-Ali Fariba made the claim in commenting on Nixon's visit to the Shah in Mexico last week. His comment was carried by the Swiss news agency.

Asked to elaborate on his assertion, the ambassador said it was "widely known" the Shah contributed to the campaign fund, but added he had no details.



OLD FRIENDS: The Shah and ex-President Nixon take the sun on the porch of the Shah's villa in Mexico during Nixon's recent visit.

**Knesset petitioned to free soldier who killed POWs**

TEL AVIV, July 17 (R) —

Three Israeli Army reserve officers Monday handed Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Shamir a petition urging the release of a fellow soldier serving a twice-reduced two-year prison sentence for the murder of Arab prisoners of war taken in South Lebanon last year.

The armored force officers, representing 90 reservists who signed the plea, also protested to Shamir about the recent trial of the officer, originally sentenced to 12 years for killing the prisoners during Israel's invasion of Lebanon in March 1978.

The case provoked public controversy after it was learned earlier this month that the original sentence first was cut to eight years by an appeals court and later to the two years by Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Rafael Eitan.

The officer's trial had been kept secret by censorship until a Knesset member revealed the case in the house, calling the accused a war criminal who had killed four Arab prisoners.

Two weeks ago there was a storm in the Knesset after a disclosure that the convicted officer was friendly with the daughter of the chief of the appeals court which made the first cut in his sentence.

Monday the three petition bearers came to the knesset in uniform and were later ordered off the premises when they tried to hold a press conference in defiance of Knesset rules.

Gen. Eitan's second reduction in the sentence came a few months after he had reduced from 20 years to three a prison term imposed on a civil defense worker convicted of killing a Palestinian in Jerusalem.

Saad Haddad

The commander of rightist militias in South Lebanon, Maj. Saad Haddad, has entered an Israeli hospital for a checkup.

A militia officer told newsmen at the Israeli-Lebanese border that Maj. Haddad entered the Rambam Hospital in Haifa for tests. But he would not elaborate on the nature of the checkup.

**France shunned M.E. at Tokyo summit**

TOKYO, July 17 (AP) — President Valery Giscard d'Estaing declined to discuss a united front on the Middle East peace question at the Tokyo economic summit last month, telling Japan "not to mix politics with economics," a Japanese Foreign Ministry official said Monday.

Kazuo Chiba, the foreign ministry's Middle East specialist, said Giscard apparently felt the meeting of seven industrialized nations was not the appropriate forum to launch such an initiative.

He said Japan drafted a three-point document urging that all possibilities of peace be explored and that the legitimate rights and aspirations of the Palestinian people should be respected.

Giscard did not object to the text. His position was quite logical, really," Chiba said, adding that had Giscard not objected, Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira would have presented his proposal to the Middle East parties.

**Not Displeasing**

Chiba, who declined to give further details of the document and who did not attend the two-day summit that ended June 29, said neither the Arabs nor the Israelis would have found the contents "displeasing."

However, Japanese press reports said Giscard feared Arab reaction to a clause calling for full support of Egyptian-Israeli peace efforts.

Japan was host to the economic summit attended by leaders of the United States, Britain, France, West Germany, Italy and Canada.

Japan has one of the highest stakes in the Middle East since it imports about 70 percent of its oil from the area, over 30 percent of it from Saudi Arabia, the largest single supplier.

The Japanese government along with Mitsubishi Corporation has invested millions of dollars in a huge petrochemical complex in Iran after the 1973 oil crisis which nearly wrecked the economy and sent prices soaring.

**Military Presence**

The government has denied local press reports which quoted Foreign Minister Sunao Somoda last week as saying he told the United States it should maintain a military presence in the Middle East.

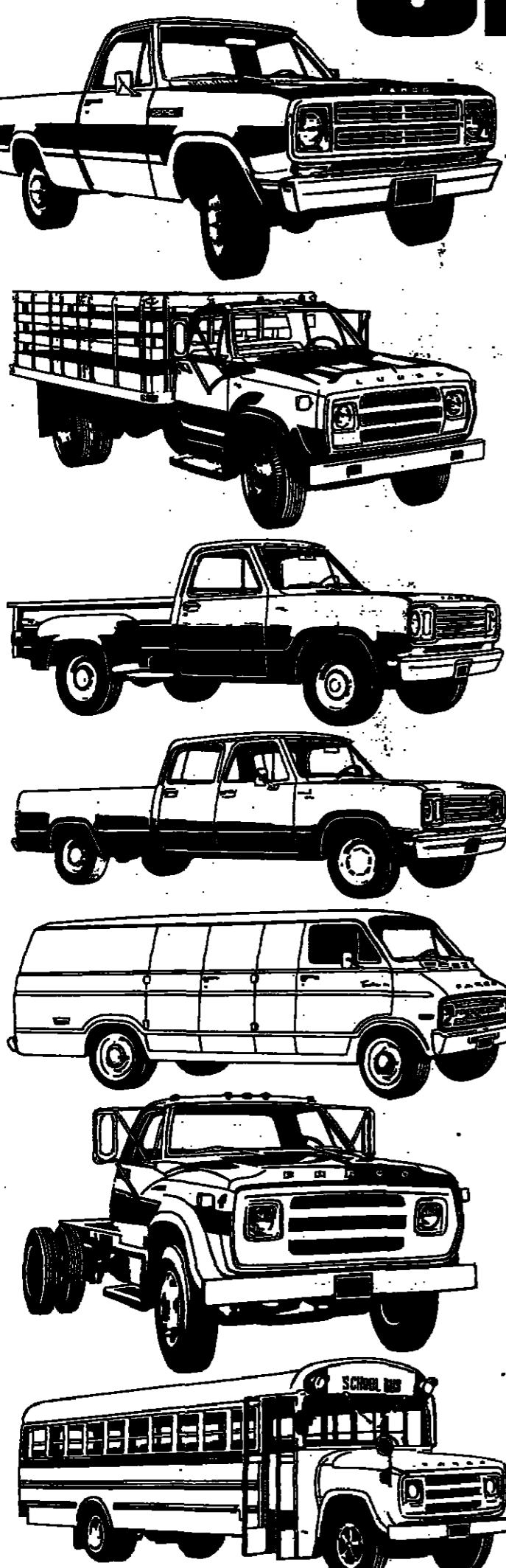
"This is not our official policy. The minister was misquoted," said Chiba.

All Japan wants is for the United States to have a "consistent and persistent policy" concerning the Middle East peace issue, he said.

Japan's minister of industry left Jeddah Tuesday. (see story page two)

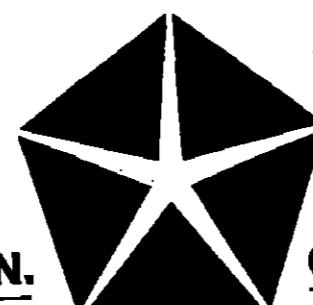
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## Zionist magnate faces ruin after U.K. court's decision

LONDON, July 17 (Agencies)

— One of Britain's leading Zionists, Cyril Stein — chairman of the Ladbrooke group — faces ruin after magistrates ruled Monday that the company must close its four luxurious London gambling casinos because it is unfit to run them.

The magistrates came to their decision after six days of hearings of questionable business practices by Britain's largest gambling group.

Over the years Stein has regularly donated millions of dollars to the Israeli war machine, much of this money coming from the tables of his four London casinos, which have a turnover of around \$300 million a year.

At the height of the 1967 war, Stein contributed an enormous sum to Israel at a whirlwind in the St. John's Wood Synagogue.

The magistrates agreed with objections by the American-owned Playboy Club and Scotland Yard, and under the Gaming Act refused to renew Ladbrooke's licenses for the four casinos.

The magistrates declared Ladbrooke's "not fit and proper people" to run casinos.

More than \$33 million was wiped off the company's stock market value in late dealings Monday after the ruling.

The case centered on alleged unorthodox actions by Ladbrooke's aimed at enticing gamblers away from rival clubs in London's West End. The magistrates ruled the actions impermissible.

Private detectives hired by Ladbrooke's jotted down car num-



Cyril Stein

members, witnesses said.

Thousands of pounds were paid to hotel porters to introduce prospective gamblers to Ladbrooke casinos, and some gamblers were paid commissions to introduce "big losers," Simon Tuckey of the official Gaming Board told the hearing.

Ladbrooke's lawyers accused Victor Lownes of the Playboy Club of objecting to the license renewal through jealousy and an eye to the "rich pickings" that could follow a shutdown of Ladbrooke casinos.

James Fox-Andrews, lawyer for Ladbrooke's said, "The picture that has been painted of Victor Lownes as a latterday Sir Galahad donning his suit of shining white armor emblazoned with the word purity is so ludicrous as not to merit a moment's consideration."

Lownes said solemnly after the decision, "Ladbrooke casinos, like Playboy casinos, contributed to the composite glamor of the variegated scene which draws gamblers to London."

"British gaming has earned itself a reputation for the wisdom of its legislative structure and for the firmness of its administrative supervision. But its success depends upon the recognition by the general body of the industry itself that it will not tolerate any violation of the law by persons holding casino licenses."

Ladbrooke's casinos accounted for half the \$88 million profit last year. The firm's casino division, Ladbrooke Ltd, has 1,400 employees and 19,000 shareholders.

Two attractive Ladbrooke girls then sent them flowers and fruit and invited them to dine at Ladbrooke casinos — and become



WATER: Delhi is in the midst of a water crisis with workers out on strike demanding higher wages. The strike forced an adjournment of parliament over the past weekend before the resignation of Desai.

### Behind premier's demise

## Raj Narain: 'a dangerous enemy'

NEW DELHI, July 17 (AP) — Raj Narain, the Indian political maverick who lit the fuse on the country's latest political crisis, has played a key role in unseating two successive prime ministers.

It was Narain who defeated former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in her home district during the 1977 general election that also ended Indira's 11 years as prime minister. Earlier, Narain had filed the celebrated Allahabad Court case accusing Mrs. Gandhi of election fraud, sparking clamor for her resignation.

Narain again exhibited his skill as a political spoiler when he quit Prime Minister Morarji Desai's Janata Party last month, triggering nearly 100 defections from the party the past week that finally forced Desai to resign.

He is not, however, expected to stake a claim for the premiership and has repeatedly said he will not accept a cabinet post.

"An embarrassing friend but a dangerous enemy," was how an opposition leader described Narain, a scion of the royal family of Benares, who has a penchant for flamboyance, candy and outrageous statements.

Narain began his climb to fame with the successful prosecution of Mrs. Gandhi for electoral fraud after she defeated him by more than 100,000 votes in the 1971 parliamentary election.

He filed 14 allegations of fraud against her before the Allahabad High Court. In June, 1975, she was convicted of two charges involving the misuse of government servants to aid her campaign. The opposition demanded she should resign.

Two weeks later, Indira's government declared a state of emergency and jailed thousands of political opponents including Desai and Narain. Narain was among the last to be released after Mrs. Gandhi announced a general election in January, 1977.

Narain was selected by the Janata Party to fight Indira again and trounced the former prime

minister by a margin of more than 55,000 votes. Indian newspapers hailed him as the "ladykiller (sic)."

After he joined Desai's cabinet as health minister, Narain advocated celibacy as a way of reducing India's population of 634 million and recommended drinking one's own urine as a cure-all.

Indians didn't seem to think much of his views because the

birth rate increased sharply during his time as minister.

At the cabinet swearing-in ceremony, the stocky, bearded Narain distributed candy among his colleagues.

His break with Desai became obvious in June, 1977, after he sought to perform a traditional greeting gesture of applying scented oil to the prime minister on his return from a visit to the United States.

### Rockslide feared

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The Corps installed the seismic warning system that set off an alarm last Friday, indicating a shift of rocks at Terrapin Point, a narrow peninsula of land that juts into the Niagara River above the falls.

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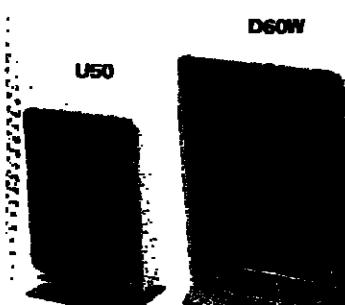
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### To replace Desai

## Indira throws support behind Charan Singh

NEW DELHI, July 17 (AP) — Indira Gandhi threw her support Monday to Charan Singh, the rural bloc leader who hopes to succeed Morarji Desai as prime minister of India.

Singh resigned as Desai's finance minister on Monday morning and openly entered the race to succeed Desai, caretaker prime minister since he stepped down Sunday night.

The 76-year-old Singh said he was assured by Mrs. Gandhi, Desai's predecessor, that she would support a coalition government headed by him, and set no conditions in return for her support.

However, even with Indira's support and the 92 MPs he says support him, Charan Singh still falls far short of the needed majority in the 539-member Lok Sabha.

The political situation became more confused when Desai decided he should be given a chance to form the next government as leader of parliament's largest party.

The reluctance of Desai, 83, to relinquish Janata control hurt the chances of the other leading contender, Defense Minister Jagjivan Ram. Ram has remained in the party.

The Janata Party still remains by far the single largest party in the lower house, and I have therefore informed the president that it would only be fair and proper that the leader of that party should be called first to explore the possibility of forming a government," Desai said in a Monday night statement originally intended for nationwide broadcast.

Janata strength was estimated at about 200.

For the second consecutive night an address to the nation by Desai explaining his resignation was cancelled at the last minute. Sunday's speech was cancelled because it was decided it would be improper for him to appeal before parliament was informed. Monday's speech was cancelled because Desai decided a caretaker prime minister should not use official media for political statements, an aide said.

The Press Trust of India agency reported however, that Monday's speech did not convince Party President Chandra Shekhar, who said any delay in Desai's resignation from the Janata leadership would harm the party.

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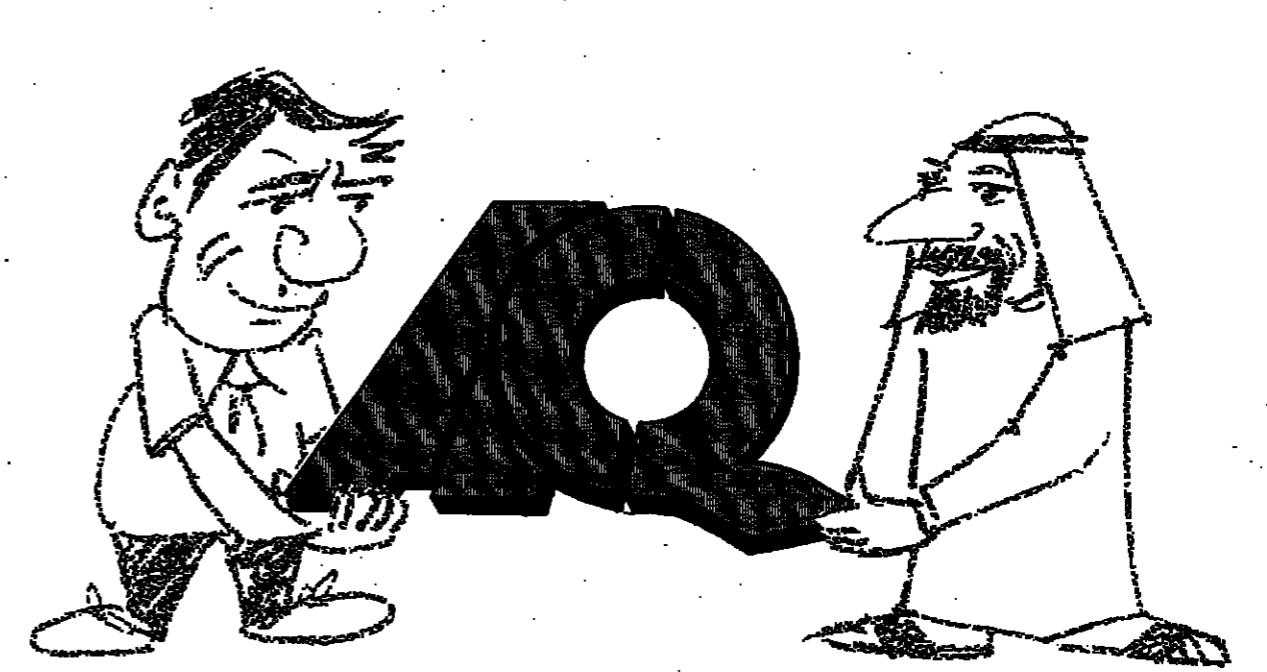
India after the state of emergency imposed by Mrs. Gandhi. He blamed its shortcomings on Janata Party members who were "swayed by personal ambitions."

"The experiment can still succeed if personal ambition could be subordinated to values and principles of democratic cooperation," he said.

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## But figures said misleading U.K. logs trade surplus in June

LONDON, July 17 (AP) — Britain's trade balance with the rest of the world showed a surplus in June, the government has announced. But the figures are misleading because of strikes by civil servants, officials said, Monday.

The balance sheet showed a surplus of \$130 million in May and larger deficits in the three preceding months.

**Distorted**

But trade department officials said a civil servant strike had distorted calculations. In addition, the effects of last winter's truck drivers' strike were still working their way through the economy.

Officials said taking these factors into account, Britain probably had a trade deficit of between

\$669 and \$892 million in June. The picture became more favorable with the addition of "invisible" earnings in banking, insurance and tourism, which produced an estimated \$245 million in June, the government said.

**Overall Deficit**

The best estimates at this time, officials said, is that Britain had an overall trade deficit \$5.8 billion for the first six months of this year, a sharp deterioration from the second half of 1978; when the trade balance showed a small deficit of \$892 million.

The situation was exaggerated, officials said, by the loss of British defense contracts and other exports to Iran, and cutbacks in export orders from Nigeria.

### FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

	Opening Tuesday	SAMA rate	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.36	3.37	3.37	3.37
Pound Sterling	7.52	7.67	7.67	7.67
Deutsche Mark (100)	185.00	186.00	185.80	185.80
Swiss F (100)	204.00	206.00	206.25	206.25
French F (100)	79.00	80.00	79.85	79.85
Italian Lira (1000)	4.10	4.02	4.10	4.10
Lebanese Lira (100)	104.00	104.75	104.75	104.75
Syrian Lira (100)	—	77.50	87.60	87.60
Egyptian Pound	—	4.58	4.69	4.69
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.25	12.24	12.24
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.25	11.25	11.25
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	89.00	88.60	88.60
Omani Rial (100)	—	90.25	90.00	90.00
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.85	8.80	8.80
Iranian Rial (100)	—	9.00	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	74.50	74.10	74.10
Yemeni Rial (100)	—	81.00	86.60	86.60
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	—	43.25	43.25
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	34.20	34.20
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	32,150	—	—
Gold kg	—	3,755	—	—
10 Tolas bar	—	—	—	—
Silver kg bar	—	—	—	—
Japanese yen (100)	1.55	—	—	—
Canadian dollar	2.89	—	—	—
Belgian franc (10)	1.15	—	—	—
Dutch guilder	1.68	—	—	—

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## Schlesinger wants to quit cabinet early

WASHINGTON, July 17 (AP) — U.S. Energy Secretary James Schlesinger said Tuesday he intends to leave the administration of President Jimmy Carter "well before" the start of the 1980 Democratic presidential primaries.

"I do not think that in the Democratic primaries that I would necessarily be an asset," Schlesinger said in NBC-TV's "Today" show.

Pressed on whether he had a "deal" with Carter to leave in the fall, Schlesinger replied, "I never use terms like 'deal'."

Asked whether "understanding" was a better word, he said, "I think that might come closer to it."

Schlesinger said he had indicated to Carter that "I should perhaps be gone well before the primary season starts." The first primary will be held next Feb. 26 in New Hampshire.

Schlesinger has been the target of much criticism for America's energy problems, leading some Carter aides and members of Congress to call for his ouster. He said he told Carter of his plans to leave his post before the two attended last month's seven-nation economic summit in Tokyo.

On another subject, Schlesinger said the gasoline situation in the United States is "gradually improving" and that heating oil supplies should "be in reasonably good shape for next winter."

"We're getting more crude oil into this country than we did in April and May," he said. "Refineries are operating at a higher level, so we'll have about 95 per cent of last year's supply fraction before long."

## Tokyo group to loan Algeria \$27m

ALGIERS, July 17 (AP) — A Japanese consortium led by the Tokyo Bamu signed an agreement Monday to lend Algeria some \$27 million at an annual interest of 7.7 per cent, Algerian officials said.

## Mauritania to receive \$60m loan

WASHINGTON, July 17 (AP) — The World Bank has approved a \$60-million loan to Mauritania as part of a \$500-million iron ore mining development, it was announced Monday. The loan, for 15 years at 7.9 per cent interest, will be used in the first phase of the project in which two new iron ore mines are to be developed at El Rhine.

## World Bank to lend Turkey \$60m

WASHINGTON, July 17 (AP) — The World Bank announced Monday its approval of a \$60-million loan to Turkey's Industrial Development Bank for support of export programs to bolster the Turkish economy. The loan, guaranteed by the Turkish government at 7.9 per cent interest, will also be used to help ease the Turkish bank's foreign exchange supply shortage through 1980.

## French crude imports up 10.6%

PARIS, July 17 (AP) — France's crude imports increased 10.6 per cent and refined oil imports jumped 20.1 per cent during the first months of this year over the same period last year, according to statistics released Monday.

## Market rallies after Carter's energy address

NEW YORK, July 17 — The market turned higher in afternoon trading Monday. The transport index, transports issues, and energy issues showed positive action with President Jimmy Carter's energy speech Sunday evening being a possible cause for this action. At the action. At the closing bell the Dow Jones Industrial Average had gained 1.37 to 834.90, to 834.90, transports rallied 4.48 to 250.54, and utilities lost 20 to 107.75. Volume of trading for the day was 26.7 million shares. Breadth was on the positive side as gainers outnumbered losers 528 to 593. The American Stock Exchange gained 1.09 on the day to 197.18.

The most active issues for the day were: Conoco advanced 7 to 32 1/4, IBM rose 1/2 to 70 1/2, Conoco added 1/2 to 39 1/2, Duke Power lost 1/2 to 19 1/2, CTT Financial added 1 1/2 to 64 1/2, Southern unchanged at 13 1/2, Polaroid advanced 3 1/2 to 29, Occidental Petroleum up 1 1/2 to 24 1/2, Eastern Airlines up 1 1/2 to 23 1/2, and General Motors off 1/2 to 55 1/2.

Growth and gains were mixed and little changed with the exception of Revlon adding 1/2 to 48 1/2, Honeywell added 1 to 69 1/2, Sperry Rand gained 1/2 to 45 1/2, Air Products rose 1 1/2 to 33 1/2, and Procter and Gamble fell 1/2 to 75 1/2.

Energy issues turned in a positive performance with Getty Oil up 1 1/2 to 54 1/2, Mesa rose 2 to 66, Standard Oil of Ohio added 1 1/2 to 58 1/2, Marathon up 1 1/2 to 26 1/2, and Texaco up 1 1/2 to 73, and Marathon added 1 1/2 to 35 1/2.

In the basic industry sector, Monsanto lost 1/2 to 50 1/2, Boise Cascade added 1/2 to 35 1/2 and Owens Corning gained 1/2 to 27 1/2.

Among machinery issues, Bucyrus Erie gained 1/2 to 24 1/2, Ingersoll Rand rose 2 1/2 to 55 1/2, and Joy Manufacturing gained 3 to 34 1/2.

Among the aerospace, airlines, and rails, Northrop rose 1/2 to 32 1/2, Burlington Northern gained 2 1/2 to 60 1/2, Norfolk and Western up 1 1/2 to 28 1/2, and Union Pacific advanced 1 1/2 to 72 1/2.

Electrical equipment issues were little changed; metals were mostly positive with Reynolds Metals up 1 1/2 to 34 1/2, and Nucor gained 1/2 to 26 1/2.

Precision metal gartered with Campbell Red Lake up 1 1/2 to 19 1/2, and Dyna-Mines rose 1 1/2 to 37 1/2. The price of gold on the Toronto Exchange closed at \$1,292.50.

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## 18.3 per cent drop

## Global grain shortfall predicted

WASHINGTON, July 17 (AP) —

Reduced harvests this year in the Soviet Union and some other parts of the world will mean an 18.3 per cent drop in global grain reserves by mid-1980.

The U.S. Agriculture Department said Monday most of the decline will occur in U.S. reserves, despite forecasts of bumper 1979 harvests of wheat and corn.

That will mean an increase in world grain trade in the coming year, probably exceeding last season's volume by 10 per cent. Record U.S. grain exports are expected.

Increased trade is needed to cover production shortfalls in areas of Europe and in the Soviet Union, and to support expanding livestock industries in many of the developing areas," it said.

By the beginning of the 1980-81 year, world reserves of wheat and so-called coarse grains such as corn, oats and barley are expected

to be about 167.3 million metric tons, down from a record level of 204.7 million this year, the major producing countries at the end of the supply crunch in 1975-76.

The U.S. stockpile of wheat and coarse grains currently shown at 72.1 million metric tons, was forecast to drop by almost 32 per cent to 49.3 million by mid-1980.

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President Bakr, who came to power in 1968 by overthrowing Abdul Rahman Aref, ushered in the rule of the Baath Party in Iraq and since then has practically succeeded in putting an end to any attempts at changing the regime by force.

His methods were not always the most kindly ones but he managed to give the country a long spell of freedom from further couplings, which will always be to his credit.

In the intervening period, Iraq has fallen foul of the local Communists, who conspired against the regime although they were partners in government. At the behest of the Soviet Union, the Communists actively worked to subvert the regime.

Their attempts were foiled and they were put down with extreme vigor, which has adversely affected the once flourishing Iraqi-Soviet relationship. A treaty of friendship with Moscow failed to alleviate mutual suspicions, despite Iraq's almost exclusive dependence on the Soviet Union for arms.

Bolstered by increased earnings from oil exports, Iraq has looked elsewhere and found in France a willing source to diversify its arsenals.

Another blow which must have unsettled Moscow was the dismissal of all Communist ministers from the government, a reminder that the Baath regime in Baghdad could continue ruling the country without Communist cooperation.

Bakr and his strong deputy, Saddam Hussein, achieved their biggest breakthrough when they settled their dispute with the former Shah of Iran and persuaded him to halt all assistance to the rebellious Kurds.

With the rebellion snuffed out, the regime could attend to the development of the country and the promotion of better relations with other Arab states. Both plans have achieved remarkable results. The country is a construction camp of hospitals, roads, schools and industrial projects.

Of special interest must be the improvement of relations with other Gulf countries, which had been strained under the onslaught of the Iraqi media for some years. Earlier this year the Saudi and Iraqi ministers of the interior signed a joint security agreement and there is now nothing but affection between Baghdad and the rest of the Gulf states.

## Ethiopia army's battle to keep troops fighting

By Dan Connell

SAHEL, Eritrea —

"I hate fighting," said the 24-year-old soldier. "When my chance came, I left the frontline."

The speaker was one of 16 deserters from the Ethiopian army in the embattled Red Sea territory of Eritrea.

Two lay shivering with malaria under a nearby tree as others sat on the sandy bank of a dry river bed in the heart of the guerrilla's base area of the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF).

The soldiers spoke of the costly victories won by the Russian-backed Ethiopian Government against the Eritrean guerrillas late last year, followed by a lengthy stalemate which has left the rank and file of the army frightened and discouraged.

Most had been members of Ethiopia's peasant militia. They said they were conscripted through local peasant associations and sent here to fight for \$10 a month, half of which was taken from them as a compulsory contribution to the "call of the motherland."

They came from all over Ethiopia and had been in the Eritrean frontline since the opening 11 months ago of Ethiopia's all-out campaign to regain control of the strategic coastal territory.

A 19-year-old from Tigre province told of his experience in the battle of Elabaret last November, when his 400-man unit met a force of the EPLF.

He drew lines in the sand to show how he saw the guerrillas in front of them and then groups of herdsmen with their sheep and goats on both sides. By the time his unit was encircled, they realized the shepherds were also guerrillas.

Fewer than 150 of the 400 Ethiopian soldiers survived the two-hour clash, he said.

A 30-year-old from Wollega told of the near annihilation of the Ethiopian's 508th Task Force in fighting three months ago near the FPLF-held town of Nakfa. He said he watched a 500-man force of the elite Flame Brigade and a 500-man militia force enter the battle, but only 80 of the Flames and 14 militia returned.

The Ethiopian deserters predictably complained about their treatment by the Ethiopian Government and complimented the EPLF.

They spoke of seeing many of their fellow soldiers suffering from severe diarrhoea for which they received no medication. They said they had seen fellow soldiers die of thirst in the sunbaked Red Sea coastal plains while their officers scoffed at requests for water and insisted that they sacrifice themselves "for the motherland."

Four spoke of listening to the EPLF's radio "Voice of the Masses", which broadcasts in the Ethiopian language of Amharic, as well as in three Eritrean languages.

"It was forbidden but I listened when I could," said a 19-year-old from Wollo province. "They were explaining the bad deeds of the Derg and the positive developments of the EPLF. I was impressed. When I compared, I preferred to be with the EPLF."

Another said that, after being overheard criticizing the Government, he was relieved of guard duty and told to rest. "I thought they were going to kill me, so during the night I escaped."

None has a clear idea of what the future might hold. One said that he had seen 14 former pows released by the EPLF killed by the Derg in the city of Decamare earlier this year. "We cannot go back. We cannot stay here. I don't know what I will do," he said. — (OFNS)



## South Lebanon a daily target for Israel

By Jim Muir

KABRIKHA, South Lebanon —

This dusty, forgotten village in central southern Lebanon seems an unlikely spot for an Arab-Israeli confrontation. To reach it, you have to inch through flocks of goats along narrow, broken roads, watched by clusters of tiny children with old men's faces for whom the passage of one car is clearly the day's event.

The villagers are at a loss to understand why their homes have suddenly become the new front line in Israel's harsh policy towards its northern neighbor and the Palestinians. Surveying the flattened rubble of what until last Monday was home to her and her eight small children, Abdul-Hadi Hejazi, the wife of 65-year-old tobacco farmer, shakes her head and says: "why did they do it? I don't know. We have no idea."

Altogether five houses were summarily and expertly demolished here at two o'clock in the morning, leaving about 50 of the villagers homeless. The attackers, arriving on foot through the rocky hill country, left leaflets warning the people against collaborating with "terrorists." But the villagers — Shia Muslims — swear bitterly that they have not seen a single Palestinian commando since the Israeli invasion over a year ago, and even the local Lebanese leftists

have long since left.

Like other villages which have been the targets of recent incursions by Israel or its right-wing Lebanese Christian allies, Kabrikha lies inside the zone controlled by the United Nations peace-keeping force (UNIFIL). Israel has admitted full responsibility only for this raid and another three days earlier on Majdal Silm, a few miles to the south in the Irish contingent's sector of the UNIFIL area.

When they withdrew, the Israelis took with them three villagers. The body of one of them, schoolteacher Maarouf Alaudin, a member of the Lebanese Communist Party, was found nearby the next morning, shot through the heart at close range. The others have not been heard of since, despite UN representations.

Israel announced that the kidnapped men were "Palestinian terrorists" and the demolished houses had been used as bases by UN officers and the local villagers insist that both assertions are groundless.

The Israeli-backed militias of rebel Major Saad Haddad have made a number of similar forays into the UNIFIL zone, sometimes being intercepted and turned back. The Irish also report another new development: "Astonishingly accurate" artillery and mortar bombardments directly

on UNIFIL positions without warning. Only the luck of the Irish has saved them from serious casualties.

The U.N. has made official protests to Israel over the latest attacks and Lebanon has lodged a complaint at the Security Council. The campaign is clearly contentious of the UNIFIL role and presence.

As one UNIFIL officer put it restrainedly:

"The Israelis are using a steamroller to crack a nut" — the only "terrorist" actions recorded in the Irish sector recently have been the firing of a few rounds of small-arms fire on enclave villages from about a mile away on two occasions.

A western military observer was more blunt: "Israel completely dominates South Lebanon. How long can it keep up this fiction of the threat posed by 'terrorist' activity?"

Israel has carried out no more bombing raids on Lebanon since the air clash with Syrian MiGs on June 26. The subsequent escalation on the ground in the south appears to represent a shift of tack aimed at keeping up the pressure. It has no effect at all on the Palestinians but keeps UNIFIL off-balance at a time when Beirut is trying to get together a new Cabinet pledged to further UNIFIL deployment into Haddad's border enclave. — (OFNS)

## African unity still an elusive goal for the OAU

By Michael Goldsmith

MONROVIA —

African foreign ministers have spent ten days in often heated debate here on the conflicts and rivalries dividing the black continent.

They came up with few solutions. But the debates behind closed doors underlined the sharpening confrontation between the African friends of the Soviet Union and the countries whose affinities lie mainly with the West.

By the end of their preparatory meeting for the African summit meeting, which opened Tuesday, the foreign ministers had failed to solve any of Africa's most divisive problems.

In every case of inter-African differences, from the Western Sahara to Rhodesia, the ministers either sidetracked the entire issue or passed it on to the forthcoming summit.

They did agree on many issues not in dispute among African countries, such as the need for economic development, or the non-recognition of the "internal settlement" in Zimbabwe-Rhodesia. But they took no substantive decision on any matter affecting the interests of the rival power blocs that are increasingly prominent in African affairs.

A spokesman of the Organization of African Unity said the evasion of intractable problems was an old African tradition. "We tend to seek African solutions for African problems," he said. "That is why we look for conciliation rather than sharply defined decisions."

In practice however, the conflicts refuse to go away. The bitter Moroccan-Algerian conflict over the former Spanish Sahara has been fought fruitlessly at each of the OAU's annual summit meetings for the past four years. The Rhodesian conflict has disclosed as many differences among the Afri-

can countries as within the black population of Rhodesia itself.

And while the inter-African conflicts are becoming sharper, so is the division of Africa into rival blocs.

There are three main groups:

— The countries that receive a good deal of their weaponry, technical aid and ideological inspiration from the Soviet bloc. They include Ethiopia, Madagascar and the five former Portuguese colonies whose emergence as sovereign states was strongly influenced by Communist sympathizers in the Portuguese colonial army. Libya and Algeria also receive some Soviet aid.

— The countries that remain culturally, economically or militarily tied to the former colonial powers in Western Europe. They include Kenya, Senegal, Ivory Coast and most of the other former French colonies. Ever since President Anwar Sadat's expulsion of Soviet advisers, the moderate group has been joined by Egypt.

— A group of neutrals, led by Nigeria, Tanzania and Zambia, which try to keep a balance in the middle without rigid attachments one way or another.

African leaders and OAU officials dislike outsiders pointing to these conflicting lineups. Some bluntly deny that they exist and attribute them to "imperialist propaganda" or "attempt to sabotage African unity."

In reality however, these groupings — with variations from one issue to another — have emerged in the discussion of every major inter-African dispute inside and outside the OAU framework.

— In Rhodesia, the pro-Soviet group has urged formal recognition of the Patriotic Front guerrilla movement as the legitimate government of Zim-

babwe — the country's African name — thus theoretically allowing the guerrillas to call on Cuban, East German or other outside military support.

The pro-Western group, backed by many of the neutrals, would prefer the summit to call on the Patriotic Front to make a new effort to negotiate with Prime Minister Abel Muzorewa and other supporters of the "internal settlement." Not a single delegation has spoken in favor of the "internal settlement" as it stands.

— In Namibia, there is a similar division over supporting all-out guerrilla war by the SWAPO (Southwest African People's Organization) or calling for a new attempt to seek a negotiated settlement based no long-standing proposals put forward by the United States and four other Western powers.

There is much less talk of deploying Cubans or East Germans in Namibia, however, presumably because they are more wary of risking a direct military confrontation with the South African army than they are of facing the white-run army of war-torn Rhodesia.

In Chad, Nigeria has joined forces with the entire Soviet-backed group in denying recognition to the French-supported regime. The Chad dispute caused the longest and most bitter debate in the foreign ministers' meeting. To avoid a decision, the ministers barred the Chad delegation "provisionally" from the summit.

— In the former Spanish Sahara, the pro-Soviet group, with growing support from the neutrals, backed the Polisario guerrilla movement seeking independence for the mineral-rich territory. The pro-Western group backed the 1975 annexation and partition of the territory by Morocco and Mauritania.

## Lawrence: separating facts from the myths and the legends

"T.E. Lawrence," by Desmond Stewart. In paperback by Paladin books, London, 1979. 1.95 pounds sterling

By F.W. Rawding

JEDDAH—A man whose personality could stimulate such extreme opinions—"One of the greatest beings alive in our time" (Churchill); "A disgusting little (Lawrence Durrell), or any number of conflicting attitudes in between, from uncritical praise to

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real detraction—is likely to be orth reading about.

For the English generation which grew up between the two world Wars, Lawrence was a romantic knight who represented that which was excellent in British

imperialism. That imperialism was self-evident in that it tried, more than any other contemporary imperialism, to show that because over whom it was set really consented to it. The fact that they did not, in spite of "improvements" and an administrative system that was on the whole, just, efficient and incorruptible, was a painful lesson the British had to learn.

They did learn it, though, and within 25 years of the ending of the Second World War, they had dismantled the whole edifice upon which the sun would never set.

Lawrence ... and Lawrence



Left: Dheeban, the 15-year-old Arab boy who "enraged Lawrence's heart."



Amir Faisal: "We get on perfectly together," wrote Lawrence



The beginning: Lawrence (far right) with the 1906-07 sixth form, City of Oxford High School



The end: Lawrence in Royal Air Force uniform in 1935, the year before his fatal motorcycle crash

traveller and a scholar.

This reputation had been founded on an impressive literature including Lawrence's own "Seven Pillars of Wisdom," which by any standards was a truly great piece of writing. Much of the legend of Lawrence was self-created. Most of what was not had been invented by his friends and especially by Lowell Thomas, an American journalist who followed Lawrence's campaigns in the Hejaz and who made a very good thing of articles and lecture tours about him. "An Arab View" of Lawrence, published by Suleiman Mousa in 1966, shows that the Arabs had never credited him with as much influence in their affairs as he himself or his admirers did.

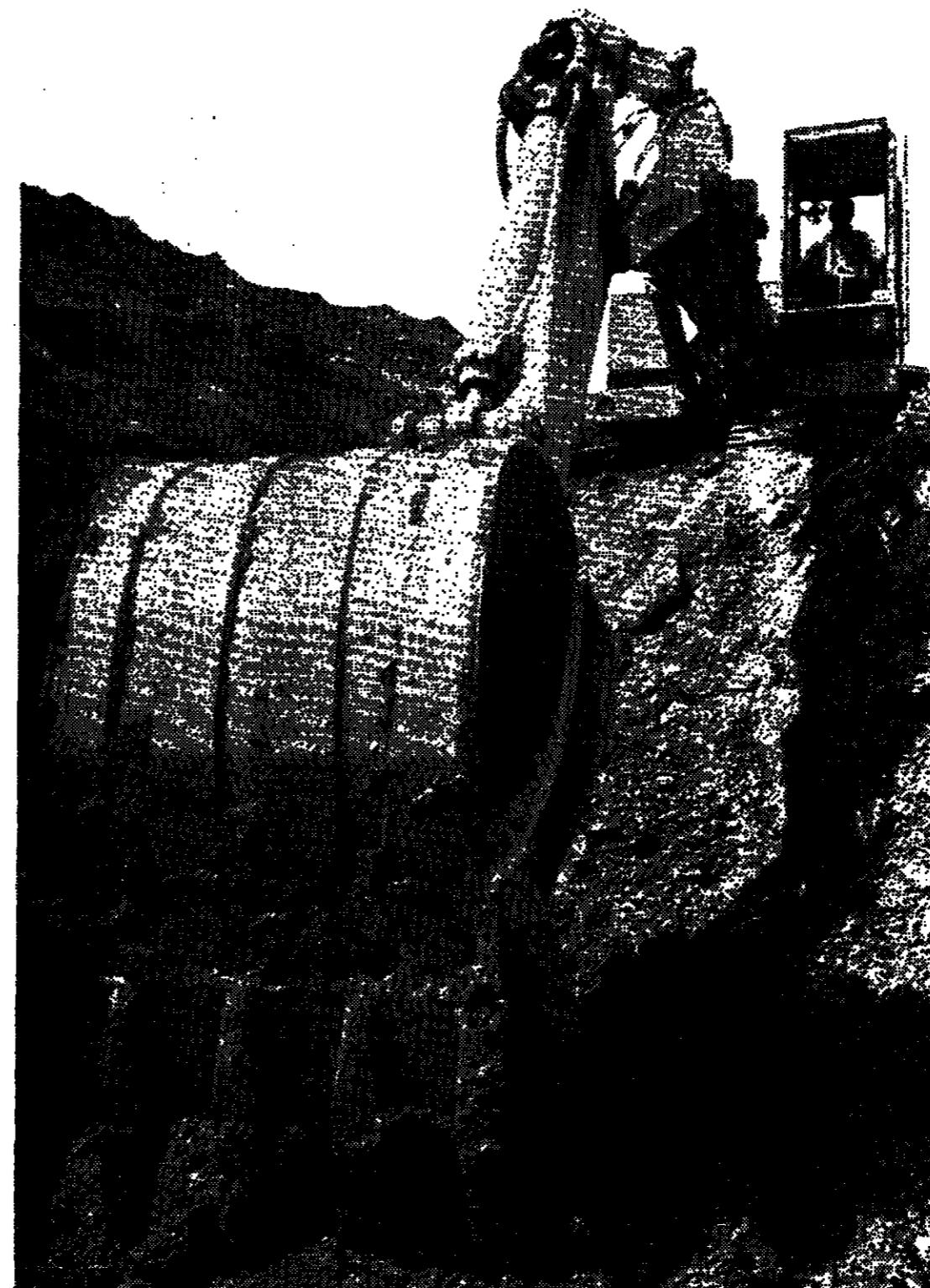
In 1969, Knightley and Simpson published "The Secret Lives of Lawrence of Arabia," incorporating new biographical material which had become available. This took the examination of the cracks in Lawrence's character and performance a stage further, but in an objective and compassionate way. Hitherto restricted documents were produced to show that Lawrence, as a very junior officer, had been entrusted with missions such as the attempt to bribe the Turkish commander at the siege of Kut in 1916, which gave him temporary authority over the most senior generals. It also made it more and more clear

truly in the short final part of the book which Stewart calls The Partitioned Soul. The extraordinary catalogue of contradictions and inconsistencies set out by Stewart, still cannot entirely obliterate the conviction of one's youth that

Lawrence was a man.

There are some excellent photographs in the book, some published for the first time. Maps, notes and an index complete Stewart's study which is compulsive reading.

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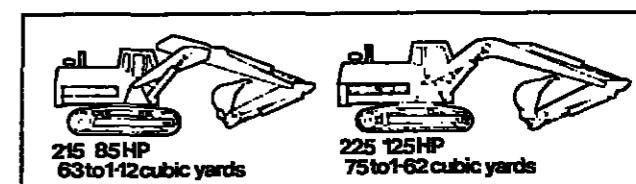


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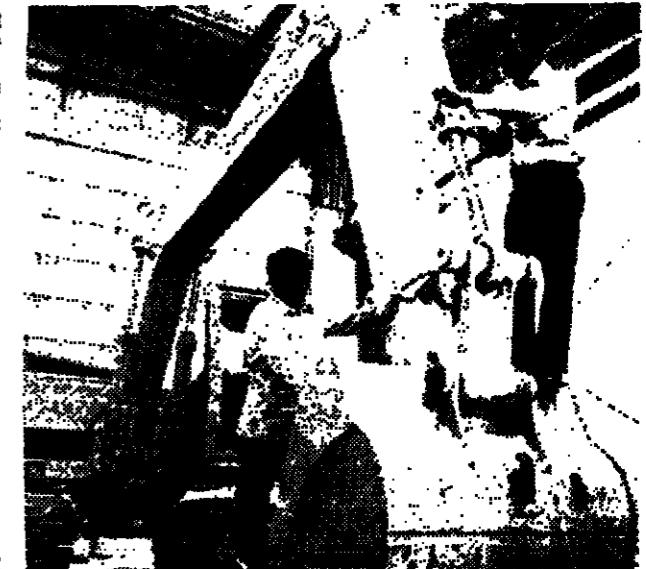
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**Botham brilliant****India goes down to innings defeat**

EDGBASTON, England, July 17 (AP) — A shattering new ball burst by Ian Botham brought England victory over India in the first Test Monday by an innings and 83 runs.

Botham struck with India's second innings score at 142 for four and 70 minutes left on the fourth day. India had a clear chance of extending the match into the fifth day, but it was all over 40 minutes later, six wickets falling in 11 overs.

Botham took four five overs and Mike Hendrick slipped in for two.

Nobody, not even Viswanath, who followed up his first innings fight by playing in his own studied way for 135 minutes, could put the bat on the ball with any reliability. It moved too sharply off the pitch.

Viswanath edged to Taylor, ending a 70-minute stand with Arnamath for the fifth wicket. Botham had Arnamath and Venkat lbw and Hendrick collected a slip catch to dispose of Kapil Dev.

Hendrick trapped Reddy lbw and wrapped up the match when Ghavri clipped a catch to Randall at cover.

England could have finished the match sooner but for a spell of weak fielding during the afternoon.

Bob Taylor missed stumping chances when Viswanath, on 32, and Arnamath were stranded down the pitch by Edmonds. In the same spell, Hendrick lost a sharp short leg chance when Viswanath, then 31, turned a ball off his legs, and Brearley failed to hold an edge by Arnamath, also off Edmonds.

In the morning, India attacked

with confidence. Still 329 away from making England bat again, openers Gavaskar and Chauhan drove the new ball crisply, making 57 in the first hour. Then the spinners were seen off, Gavaskar sweeping Miller for three boundaries in two overs.

At lunch the score was 117 for no wicket, but the first over after the break saw the start of the slide. Gavaskar was caught off his glove from a vicious ball from Hendrick. Chauhan drove Willis straight to cover with a loose shot and Vengsarkar was picked up at short leg off Hendrick.

The Gaekwad-Viswanath stand for the fourth wicket lasted almost an hour before Botham, in the middle of a superb long spell of medium pace outswingers, finally induced Gaekwad to drive and edge to third slip.

David Gower's double century won him the Player of the Match award.

**County**

In country cricket, Surrey gave a weakened Kent attack a mauling at the Oval Monday and it was former Kent left-handed opener, Grahame Clinton, who led the assault with a maiden first class century.

Clinton, who joined Surrey from Kent at the end of last season, reached his century in 254 minutes and batted a total of five hours 10 minutes for his 134, which included 18 fours.

Kent was without Kevin Jarvis, one of its opening bowlers, and West Indian John Shepherd, who took the wicket of Alan Butcher before following Jarvis off the field with an injury.



**LEADING:** The leading group just before the finish of the Tour de France stage ending at Les Menus. From right are Bernard Hinault, France, Joop Zoetemelk, Holland, Lucien van Impe, Belgium, Giovanni Battaglin, Italy, Michel Pollentier, Belgium, and John van der Velde, Holland.

**On Tour in Alps****Zoetemelk zooms to stage win**

L'ALPE D'HUEZ, France, July 17 (R) — Dutchman Joop Zoetemelk won Monday's 18th stage of the Tour de France with a stunning uphill finish, crossing the line nearly 50 seconds ahead of overall leader Bernard Hinault of France.

Zoetemelk, who has finished second in the Tour on four occasions, started two minutes and 45 seconds behind Hinault but gave determined proof that he did not intend to be the bridesmaid again this year.

Most of the big names were closely bunched in the leading group until the closing stages of the 119.5-kilometer circuit begin-

ning and ending L'Alpe d'Huez. But as they began the climb towards the finishing line Zoetemelk attacked and Hinault could not stay with him.

The Dutchman crossed the line about 40 seconds ahead of Lucien van Impe of Belgium, who lagged close behind Hinault but broke away in the last moments.

Third was defending champion Hinault, who kept the overall lead.

Hinault and Zoetemelk are now well ahead of their nearest rivals but the battle for third place is still

fierce, with uphill specialist Joaquim Agostinho of Portugal Monday mounting a strong challenge to Dutchman Hennie Kuiper.

Agostinho, 34, a tour veteran, caught up with Hinault and van Impe after a mammoth effort, only to fall in a collision with a spectator. He remounted and still managed to finish fourth.

Another challenger for third place, top Italian Giovanni Battaglin, dropped well down the placings after he was penalized for failing a dope test in an earlier stage.

**Archery meeting split over S. Africa**

BERLIN, July 17 (AP) — Fifteen nations have withdrawn from the World Archery Championships to protest participation by South Africa and Zimbabwe-Rhodesia, cutting the field to 28 teams for Tuesday's scheduled first round.

The Soviet Union and China started the walkout of the championships in West Berlin over the weekend after the International Archery Federation (FITA) rejected a Soviet demand to expel the two countries.

Poland, Hungary, Romania and Czechoslovakia joined the boycott Monday, as did India, Finland, Yugoslavia and Ireland.

Guatemala, Hong Kong, Morocco, Mexico and Mongolia failed to send officials to the team captain's meeting they had joined the walkout.

A record 43 nations had sent teams to West Berlin. There were 21 nations entered at the last championships in 1977 in Canberra.

Twenty-seven teams attended the opening ceremony Monday afternoon on a field outside the 1936 Olympic stadium, with West Berlin Mayor Dietrich Stobbe announcing the start of shooting.

South African Archery Federation President James Truter received the biggest round of applause from spectators — punctuated by a few whistles of displeasure — when he marched onto the field carrying the national flag.



**OVETT WINS:** Britain's Steve Ovett wins the 1,500 meters at a Crystal Palace meeting this week. Tuesday Oslo's "Golden Mile" was run, a race in which several of the world's top milers were determined to make him eat humble pie. Ovett, who decided on Friday not to defend the title he won in Tokyo last September, said it would be "a hollow victory for whoever wins the race. I know I am the best in the world and I am not bothered about the Golden Mile." American Steve Scott, who has run the second fastest mile in the world this year, was quick to hit back. He accused him of dodging top quality rivals. "I don't like Ovett talking about us the way he has been. He is ducking us, not the other way around."

**Elizabeth Onyambu, aged 12****Kenya's bright young athletics hope**

NAIROBI, July 17 (R) — Kenya's latest Olympic hope is a 12-year-old schoolgirl who runs in bare feet, stands five feet tall and weighs under 90 pounds.

Frail-looking Elizabeth Onyambu gained immediate attention when she appeared in her first international meeting in Nairobi last month. She won the women's 1,500 meters, beating Kenyan star Rose Thomson, an all-American games bronze medalist, into second place.

When she lined up against a strong field no one gave her any chance of finishing near the front, but she finished well ahead of the pack in four minutes 23 seconds.

She said: "I now aim for an Olympic medal in Moscow next year. I feel much encouraged after this against mature athletes with international experience."

At the East and Central African Championships in Mombasa two

sixth seeded American Billy

**Tennis Open****Seeds through in Sweden**

BASTAD, Sweden, July 17 (R)

Three seeded players completed straight sets victories in the first round of the Swedish Open Grand Prix tennis tournament here Monday.

Sixth seeded American Billy

Martin and eighth seeded Frenchman Patrick Proisy both won easily while seventh seed Kjell Johansson of Sweden battled through to beat Frenchman Christopher Roger-Vasselin 6-4, 6-4.

Britain's Andrew Jarrett upset West German Karl Meier 6-3, 4-6, 6-1. Jarrett, 21, surprised Meier with a strong first service, and a two handed backhand, which forced the West German into many errors.

Jarrett, ranked fifth in Britain, meets fourth seeded Australian Mark Edmundson or Egypt's Ismail Shafei in the second round.

Frenchman Georges Goven looked like a loser against Venezuelan Jorge Andrew, but recovered to win.

**Hurt Maier out of action for 3 months**

MUNICH, July 17 (R) — Sepp Maier, West Germany's World Cup goalkeeper, will be out of action for at least three months after a car crash at the weekend.

Bayern Munich club chairman Willi Hoffmann said here Tuesday, though, that "he's getting on much better than I would have dared to hope."

Maier, 35, who broke two ribs, his breastbone and right arm when his car was in collision with two other vehicles on Saturday night, was "already sitting up in bed, exercising his legs and cracking jokes again."

Maier, capped 95 times for West Germany, is expected to be in hospital for three weeks.

Two women in one of the other cars were seriously injured but the driver of the third vehicle escaped unharmed.

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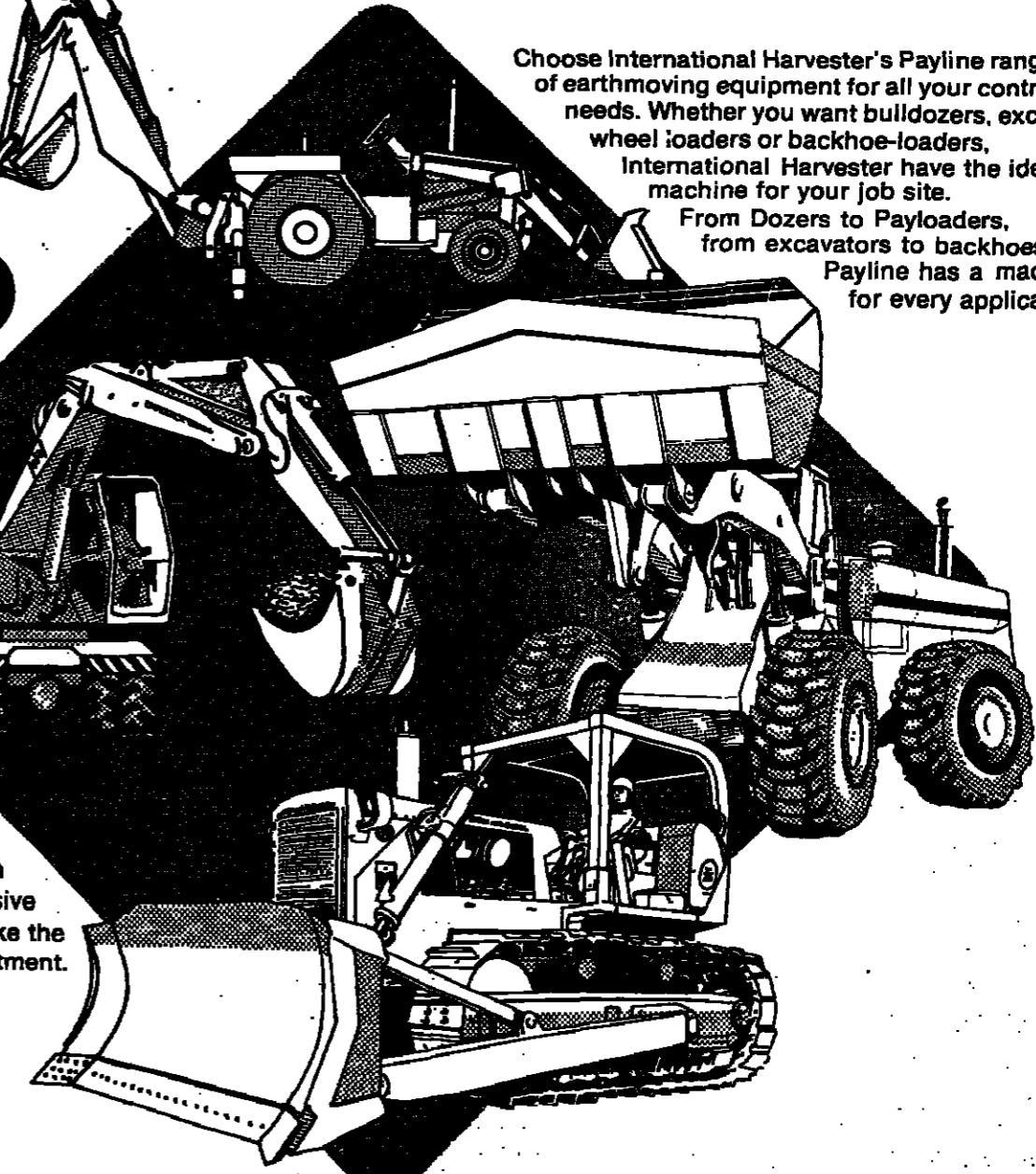
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## Airline meeting may boost fares

GENEVA, July 17 (AP) — Major international airlines, faced with a fuel price explosion estimated to average 71 per cent above forecasts for this year, were to open talks Tuesday on a new round of rises of fares and cargo rates. Most of the airlines hope for agreement on increases ranging from five to 15 per cent effective Oct. 1, sources said. The International Air Transport Association, which called the meeting, said there was some likelihood that the sharpest increases would affect North Atlantic routes. IATA said the present fuel price was about 73 U.S. cents per gallon compared with a price of 45 cents forecast for this year by IATA last October.

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## U.S. introduces new gas rules

WASHINGTON, July 17 (AP) — Many U.S. motorists will pay up to 3 cents more for a gallon of gasoline but other drivers will see prices decline under new federal rules effective Monday to improve some service station profits. The Energy Department says the average American price for gasoline June 1 was 85 cents a gallon, but prices have gone as high as \$1.60 a gallon in New York City. The department regulations generally should boost gasoline prices in the South and Midwest, but make little difference in the East, said the National Congress of Petroleum Retailers, which represents 60,000 independent service stations. Western motorists could benefit the most from the changes, the group said.

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International

*OPEC lauds speech*

## Support builds for Carter program

WASHINGTON, July 17 (Agencies) — Key congressmen are promising quick action to help win what President Jimmy Carter calls the "energy war."

Carter's \$ 142.2 billion energy program, including his decision to set import quotas that would slash U.S. dependence on foreign oil, was well received in virtually all sections of U.S. society.

Carter appealed Tuesday for bipartisan congressional support for his energy proposals, and said he wants enactment of his proposed "windfall profits" tax before Congress begins its August recess.

Carter's comments were reported by Democratic and Republican congressional leaders who attended a White House briefing meeting. House Democratic Whip John Brademas of Indiana said here appeared to be "significant bipartisan support" for the president's energy proposals.

Brademas said some Republicans were not enthusiastic about parts of the program, including the windfall profits tax and a proposed Energy Security Corporation to spur the search for new energy sources.

Carter's fellow Democrats, who control Congress, praised his

sombre address to the nation Sunday as his best speech as president. Republican leaders also generally responded favorably. And labor leader George Meany, the president of the AFL-CIO, who often has been at odds with Carter over energy policy, pledged his support. Meany said the program was "good, long overdue and warrants the support of Americans."

The reaction apparently

### Well, sort of Carter spells out policy

DETROIT, July 17 (AP) — U.S. President Jimmy Carter spent Monday traveling from city to city spelling out his energy program. But at one point his spelling ability apparently failed him.

A communications worker asked Carter what he had done to fulfill a campaign promise to cut the number of bureaucrats in the army and navy. Just how many generals and admirals are there?, the worker asked.

"I'll have to find out the exact number and let you know," Carter replied. "If I could get your exact address, I'll get you the number and mail it to you personally," Carter said, joining the audience in laughter.

"The exact address is 8155 Van Nuys Boulevard," the delegate said.

"81 what?" Carter asked.

"8155 Van Nuys Boulevard, Panorama City."

"How do you spell Boulevard?" asked the president of the United States.

"B-L-V-D."

"Thank you," said Carter. "You'll hear from me within a week."

### Call for 'European man'

## Europe parliament opens session

STRASBOURG, France July 17 (AP) — The historic first session of the directly elected European Parliament of the nine Common Market nations opened here Tuesday morning with demonstrations and a minor embarrassment.

The Reverend Ian Paisley, the fiery Northern Irish nationalist leader, rose as the session opened to protest that the two Union Jacks flying outside the parliament building had been hoisted upside down — a not uncommon mistake — and to demand assurance

### Gas wanted by thieves in S. Africa

DURBAN, South Africa July 17 (AP) — Organized syndicates are stealing hundreds of thousands of dollars in gasoline, oil companies and garage owners said Tuesday.

Two garage owners here complained that thieves had siphoned gasoline from their bulk storage tanks to a tanker truck, stealing 2,000 gallons at a time.

In another theft, thieves reportedly siphoned 800 gallons of gasoline from a garage to a van fitted with a hand pump and drums.

CALTEX oil spokesman Keith Bewick in Cape Town said oil companies were battling with organized efforts to steal huge quantities of gasoline.

ances that it not happen again.

The point made, he was interrupted by Louise Weiss of France, at 86 the oldest member of the outgoing, indirectly-elected body, who was presiding until the election of a new president.

The election was expected to go to Simone Veil, former French Health Minister, following a decision of the Christian Democrat bloc to support her candidacy.

Hundreds of demonstrators, mostly Italian, gathered outside the building Tuesday morning to protest her pro-abortion record. As health minister, she pushed a liberalized abortion law through the French National Assembly in 1975.

Other groups of demonstrators, up to 1,000 strong, supported other causes outside the building.

European federalism, the right of minorities to get elected to the body, more power for the near-powerless parliament, a common European currency, and reform of the British electoral system to give a fairer deal to the small Liberal Party were some of the causes involved.

In her opening speech, Mme. Weiss called for the Common Market to create "Europeans."

The Community institutions have created European beetroot, butter, cheese, and veal. They have not created European men. These European men existed in the middle ages, in the renaissance, in the century of light and

LYTHAM ST. ANNES, England, July 17 (R) — The 1979 British Open Golf Championship begins at Royal Lytham and St. Annes tomorrow, and once again the overwhelming favorites for the title are Americans Tom Watson and Jack Nicklaus.

The two are rated the candidates most likely to succeed whenever and wherever they play.

Watson won the British Open in 1975 and 1977 and has been minting money at an unprecedented rate this year on the U.S. tour, where he has already set an earnings record of more than \$ 378,000.

Nicklaus is the defending champion this time after a third open victory last year over the old course at St. Andrews, Scotland.

Despite their achievements, there are reasons this time for discounting both men as major contenders at Royal Lytham. Nicklaus is now 39 and hasn't won a tournament since last year though he came close in the U.S. Masters in April when he placed fourth, one stroke behind.

Watson has had four victories this year, but none in a major event and he has developed the discomforting habit in recent months of blowing up in the final round.

guaranteed Carter's program a relatively easy passage and gave his political fortunes a boost as he strove to reassert his leadership after doubts of his ability and plummeting popularity ratings.

The White House reported telephone calls and telegrams were running about 85 percent in Carter's favor after his speech urging Americans to unite in overcoming a crisis of confidence and

beat the energy crisis and soaring inflation.

### OPEC Statement

VIENNA, July 17 (AP) — The text of the statement issued by Secretary General Rene Ortiz issued by OPEC headquarters here Monday:

"First of all we in OPEC welcome President Carter's statement outlining a program to cut the U.S. consumption of oil over the next decade and hope that the reiterated targets being set in Tokyo will be accomplished. We appreciate any steps taken by the consuming countries which are the major importers of OPEC oil reducing their oil consumption.

The consuming countries should not adopt any short-sighted view in their estimation of the actual marketing situation which at present is moving toward a more stable situation because of the policies being adopted by OPEC. It is important that the consuming countries do not repeat the same pattern of consumption that occurred after the 1973-1974 war with OPEC".

"It should be noted that in 1974 the U.S. imported around one billion barrels and in 1978 it was importing two billion barrels which is 100 per cent more than in 1974, and on the other hand it should be noted that European countries have actually reduced their consumption of oil imported from OPEC countries by about 30 per cent in the same period. We

also welcome the commitment of funds by President Carter to develop alternative sources of energy and to place emphasis on the switching from oil to coal consumption as well as other conservation measures that will lead to a more rational and noble use of oil and oil products."

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Mme. Weiss then turned to human rights, saying it was a major problem for the new parliament, and strongly attacking the United Nations where "tyrants are welcomed with honors... and put on commissions studying the improvement of the fate of the dis-inherited."

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REWARDING FIND : 17-year-old Stan Thornton of Australia (center) was the first person to arrive in San Francisco to claim a \$ 10,000 prize from the " San Francisco Examiner " for bringing in a piece of Skylab. After his find is verified, he'll get a smaller version of the check printed in the background.

## Skylab control a subdued place

By Donna V. Adair  
Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, July 17 — At NASA mission control the mood last week was different. This time there were no cigars, no jubilation, no excitement. But more a case of relief. A startling contrast from the heydays of triumph — the first manned orbit, the first man on the moon, the manned Skylab operations.

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## UAE may increase oil lifting next year

ABU DHABI, July 17 (AP) — Oil Minister Mana Said Oteiba said Tuesday the United Arab Emirates may increase oil production next year.

Oteiba, the current chairman of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, made it clear, however, that production increase would depend on economic and political considerations as much as technical requirements of UAE's oil fields.

Oteiba was speaking to Japanese journalists accompanying Japanese Trade Minister Masao Esaki who is in Abu Dhabi on the last stop of his tour to seek oil from Arab countries.

"We have fixed our production for the rest of this year. But there is a possibility of increasing it next year. It depends on the economic and political behavior in the world and the technical requirements of our fields," he said.

The UAE currently produces 1.4 million barrels of crude oil a day, but has a capacity of over two million barrels a day.

Oteiba said over the next time months the Upper and Lower Zakum fields will come on stream which could increase outputs by a further 500,000 barrels a day, and in early 1980, another smaller field, the Arzana, will start producing at the rate of 50,000 barrels a day.

The UAE also wishes to increase direct sales to consumer countries rather than through international companies, he said.

"I believe in this policy and it will happen gradually. No decision has been taken as to which countries will be receiving our oil, but we will go to 'friendly countries,' he said.

## Lebanon's new cabinet seeking vote of confidence

BEIRUT, July 17 (R) — Lebanese President Elias Sarkis Tuesday conducted the first meeting of a new cabinet formed by Prime Minister Selim Hoss Mon-

officer, Major Saad Haddad, has set up his own "free state" in a southern border strip.

The new government, which placed an eight-member cabinet of technocrats formed by Hoss more than two-and-a-half years ago, was seen as another attempt to reconcile the various factions and restore normal life to the country.

An official statement quoted President Sarkis as saying in opening the session that the state could not carry out its domestic and foreign roles unless its institutions were strong.

This particularly applied to the Army, "the symbol of independence and national sovereignty," the President said.

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